

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated October 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the above claim amendments and the following remarks. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims as presented are in condition for allowance.

Claims 1-40 are pending. Claims 1-40 have been rejected. Claims 1, 19 and 33 are independent claims from which claims 2-18, 20-32 and 34-40 respectively depend. While Applicants do not agree with the grounds for rejection, in the interest of furthering prosecution, Applicants have amended the independent claims to more particularly point out the invention, which renders the stated grounds for rejection moot. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, define over the prior art. No new matter has been added. Support for the amendments can be found at paragraph [0034] – [0037] and elsewhere in the application as filed.

§101 Rejections

Claims 1, 19 and 33-40 have been rejected under 35 USC §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants submit that these claims as amended are allowable and request the withdrawal of the 101 rejections of these claims.

§112 Rejections

Claims 1, 19 and 33 have been rejected under 35 USC §112 as being indefinite. Applicants submit that these claims as amended are allowable and request the withdrawal of the 112 rejections of these claims.

§102 Rejections

Claims 1-40 have been rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by Liang (Publication No. US 2005/0160107 A1). It is respectfully submitted that these claims are patentable because Liang does not disclose or suggest all of the features of Applicants amended independent claims 1, 19 and 33, from which claims 2-18, 20-32 and 34-40 depend.

Liang is directed to information retrieval and organization. Liang categorizes search results based on keywords, and provides for user selectable ranking, enabling personalization and individualization of ranking of search results to each user and to each search. Liang does not disclose or suggest a binding engine that receives a plurality of binding statements specified by declarative statements provided during code development of user interface

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software, which are evaluated to determine content displayed in the user interface, as recited by the amended independent claims. As Liang does not disclose or suggest all the features of Applicants' claims, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-40 are allowable and request the withdrawal of the 102 rejections of these claims.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present Application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections of the claims and an early allowance is earnestly solicited.

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